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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL FRG VIEWS ON INCLUDING AIR
MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING

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1. FRG FONOFF MBFR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RUTH INVITED
EMBOFF TO VISIT HIS OFFICE TODAY FOR A DISCUSSION OF
INCLUDING AIR
MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING. RUTH SAID HE WAS
HOPEFUL INSTRUCTIONS COULD BE SENT TO THE FRG REP IN
BRUSSELS JANUARY 13. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT
EXPECT THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR THE
SPC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF THE 13TH.
RUTH SAID FURTHER THAT THE APPROACH DESCRIBED BELOW ALSO
REPRESENTS THE VIEW OF THE FMOD.

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2. RUTH SAID THE FRG IS

ATTEMPTING TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE MUST BE SETTLED FIRST. HE BELIEVES THE ALLIES CAN USE THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOR DEVELOPING A COMMON POSITION ON THE AIR MANPOWER ISSUE.

3. RUTH BELIEVES THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR A CLEARER DEFINITION OF PRECISELY WHAT IS MEANT BY "COMMON CEILING." HE BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR THE CONCEPT OF PARITY IN GROUND FORCES ONLY, AND THAT AIR MANPOWER SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED UNDER IT. INSTEAD, RUTH EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT A NEW TERM MIGHT BE REQUIRED. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SUGGESTED "COMMON COMBINED CEILING" WHICH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN REFERRING TO THE INCLUSION OF BOTH GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER. RUTH THEN REFERRED TO THE WG PAPER ON AIR MANPOWER AND THE COMMON CEILING (REFTEL). HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY FAVORS APPROACH 3 WHICH SPECIFIES SUBCEILINGS ON GROUND MANPOWER ONLY.

4. IN CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RUTH REITERATED THAT THE ISSUE OF AIR MANPOWER WILL HAVE TO BE PLAYED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT DOES NOT COME INTO CONFLICT WITH OPTION III. HE READILY AGREED WITH EMBOFF'S COMMENT THAT THE FORMER FRG POSITION OF TREATING AIR MANPOWER IN A NON-CIRCUMVENTION CONTEXT HAS SHIFTED NOW SOMEWHAT TOWARD THE U.S. POSITION.
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